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SUBJECT: PLAYBACK ON GRENNAN'S VISIT TO ZAMBIA

REF: A) LUSAKA 0453; B) LONDON 4297; C) CAPE TOWN 0329

1. BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, DENNIS GRENNAN, LEFT LUSAKA THIS WEEK AFTER HAVING SEEN ALMOST EVERYONE (FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA, BISHOP MUZOREWA, HERBERT CHITEPO, JONAS SAVIMBI AND LESSER LIBERATION LEADERS) EXCEPT THE PERSON HE CAME TO SEE, HIS FORMER BOSS FOR 5 YEARS IN THE MID-SIXTIES, PRESIDENT KAUNDA.

2. IN MEETING MARCH 17 FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA LAMELY TOLD GRENNAN THAT MEETING WITH KAUNDA AT THIS TIME "PROBABLY NOT FEASIBLE" OR PRODUCTIVE BECAUSE OF STALEMATE IN RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. HOWEVER, GRENNAN LEARNED FROM FORMER CLOSE ASSOCIATES AT STATE HOUSE THAT PRESIDENT'S ADVISOR, MARK
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CHONA, AND GRENNAN'S SUCCESSOR HAD PROBABLY DELIBERATELY

BLOCKED THE MEETING WITH KAUNDA, WHO, FROM ALL REPORTS, WAS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO SEE GRENNAN, THE ARRANGEMENT BEING HE SHOULD SEE CHONA FIRST. SOMEHOW THIS NEVER CAME ABOUT AS CHONA WAS USUALLY NOT AVAILABLE.

3. UK HICOM MILES SAID GRENNAN GOES BACK TO LONDON WITH IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR LABOR PARTY LEADERS, I.E. IT'S NOT AS EASY AS IT USED TO BE IN THE SIXTIES TO GET IN TO SEE KAUNDA AT STATE HOUSE.

4. AT MARCH 19 MEETING WITH BISHOP MUZOREWA AT STATE HOUSE WHERE HE A GUEST (AND AFTER KAUNDA AND CHONA HAD GONE HOME,) BRITISH "PENETRATED FORTRESS" AS MILES REPORTED TO WHITEHALL, AND HAD LONGRANGING DISCUSSION WITH ANC LEADER. BRITISH FOUND MUZOREWA "MARGINALLY OPTIMISTIC." HE STRONGLY OF VIEW THAT ALL NON-VIOLENT MEANS SHOULD BE EMPLOYED TO FORCE SMITH BACK TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE, I.E., A WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE AND POSSIBLY CLOSURE TO RHODESIA OF MOZ-AMBIQUE BORDERS AND PORTS IN COLLABORATION WITH FRELIMO'S SAMORA MACHEL. MUZOREWA THOUGHT RHODESIAN ARREST OF SITHOLE WAS JUST ANOTHER IN A LONG SERIES OF POLITICAL BLUNDERS BY SMITH. MUZOREWA DEPLORED ASSASSINATION OF CHITEPO BUT DID NOT ATTEMPT TO CAST BLAME AT ANYONE. MUZOREWA AND HIS TWO AIDES WERE WELL DISPOSED TOWARD GRENNAN AND MILES DURING MEETING AND MOST GRATEFUL TO BRITISH FOR THEIR PASSPORTS.

5. IN EARLIER MEETING LAST WEEK WITH HERBERT CHITEPO JUST BEFORE HE WAS ASSASINATED BRITISH FOUND LEADER OF LUSAKA-BASED ZANU WING "REALLY TOUGH" AND HEAVILY GUARDED. MILES, WHO KNEW CHITEPO IN DAR ES SALAAM YEARS EARLIER, SAID HE HAD RESPECTED HIM AS FIRST RHODESIAN LAWYER WITH GREAT LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL AND LIKED HIM BUT FOUND HIM HERE "DEGENERATED" IF NOT CORRUPTED BY POLITICAL INTRIGUES. MILES WAS NOT CONVINCED THAT CHITEPO WAS A MILITANT AT HEART, RATHER THAT HE GOT CAUGHT UP IN A VICIOUS POWER STRUGGLE.

6. AS RESULT OF GRENNAN'S MEETING WITH JONAS SAVIMBI OF UNITA, BRITISH THOROUGHLY IMPRESSED WITH SAVIMBI'S ORGANIZATIONAL AND LEADERSHIP ABILITIES AND TAKEN IN BY HIS UNDENIABLE CHARISMA (LUSAKA 147). SAVIMBI ASKED TO STATE
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HIS CASE BEFORE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE AND DATE TENTATIVELY SET FOR APRIL 18 CALL ON CALLAHAN. MILES GAVE IMPRESSION THAT GRENNAN HAD STRONGLY RECOMMENDED TO FCO THAT HMG BACK SAVIMBI POLITICALLY AND FINANCIALLY, QUIETLY, OF COURSE, HE EMPHASIZED. MILES SAID IT SEEMED CLEAR THE ZAMBIANS HAD ALREADY TAPPED SAVIMBI AS "THEIR MAN FOR LEADERSHIP OF ANGOLA," AND BRITISH WANTED TO BE ON WINNING SIDE. BRITISH BRITISH ALSO GRATEFUL TO SAVIMBI FOR HELP HE HAS GIVEN IN

GETTING LOBITO DOCK WORKERS BACK ON THE JOB AND MOVING
SUBSTANTIAL SHIPMENTS OF BRITISH GOODS TO ANXIOUS IMPORTERS
IN ZAMBIA.

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7. MILES SAID SAVIMBI SHOWED NO LOVE FOR FNLA'S HOLDEN
ROBERTO WHOM HE FEELS IS IN MOBUTU'S POCKET. IN MEETING
WITH BRITISH SAVIMBI MADE SNIDE REMARKS ABOUT THE MANY
FNLA TROOPS WHO HAVE COME INTO ANGOLA SPEAKING FENCH
BUT NO PORTUGUESE. THEY ARE OBVIOUSLY ZAIROIS SOLDIERS,
SAVIMBI TOLD THE BRITISH.

8. FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA WAS REPORTED HELPFUL, FRIENDLY
AND FORTHRIGHT WITH GRENNAN AND EMPHASIZED, AS HAD MUZOREWA,
THE UTILITY OF BRINGING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON SMITH BY ENLISTING
FRELIMO
HELP IN CLOSING MOZAMBIQUE'S BORDERS TO RHODESIA.
MWAANGA TOLD GRENNAN THAT SOUTH AFRICANS WERE KEY TO
RHODSAIAN SETTLEMENT AND THAT ZAMBIANS HAD BEEN DOING THEIR
BIT (PRESUMABLY A REFERENCE TO CHONA'S MOST RECENT TRIP TO

GABORONE) TO IMPRESS UPON SOUTH AFRICANS NEED FOR CONTINUED
PRESSURE ON SMITH. BRITISH REPORT FROM SOUTH AFRICA CONFIRMS
EMBASSY CAPETOWN 0329 THAT SOUTH AFRICANS FEEL SMITH
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WENT AWAY FROM HIS MEETING UNDERSTANDING SOUTH AFRICAN
POSITION THAT SMITH MUST WORK OUT SOME SETTLEMENT WITH THE
ANC.

9. MILES SHARED WITH ME A REPORT FROM THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR
IN CAPE TOWN BASED ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH BRAND FOURIE OF
FOREIGN MINISTRY TO EFFECT SOUTH AFRICANS WILL CONTINUE TO
WITHDRAW POLICE FORCES FROM SOUTH AFRICA EVEN THOUGH GUERRILLA
WARFARE MAY INTENSIFY WITH RHODESIA. ONLY VIOLATIONS
OF CEASE FIRE OUTSIDE BORDERS OF RHODESIA (SIC) WOULD CAUSE
SOUTH AFRICANS TO HOLD UP ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL, ACCORDING TO
BRITISH REPORT.

10. COMMENT: WOULD HOPE LONDON IN ITS DE-BRIEFING OF
GRENNAN MIGHT LEARN MORE OF HMG INTENTIONS TO PUT THEIR
MONEY ON SAVIMBI, ESPECIALLY AS THIS WOULD INTRODUCE
APPARENTLY
NEW FOREIGN SUPPORT ELEMENT IN ANGOLAN POLITICAL
EQUATION WHICH SO FAR HAS ATTRACTED RUSSIANS, CHINESE,
MOBUTU, NGUABE, AND PORTUGUESE MILITARY.
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